

Table 3. People In Poverty Each Month of 2001 through 2003, by Selected Characteristics

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>>. Numbers in thousands.)

Characteristic	Persons who were poor all 36 months				
	Total	Number		Percentage	
		Estimate	C.I. ¹ (+/-)	Estimate	C.I. ¹ (+/-)
All People	264,555	6,250	389	2.4	0.1
Race and Hispanic Origin					
White	216,399	3,576	296	1.7	0.1
White, not Hispanic	187,249	2,502	248	1.3	0.1
Black	33,661	2,226	234	6.6	0.7
Asian or Pacific Islander	11,016	304	87	2.8	0.8
Hispanic	31,934	1,210	173	3.8	0.5
Not Hispanic	232,621	5,040	350	2.2	0.2
Age					
Under 18 Years	69,971	2,227	234	3.2	0.3
18 to 64 Years	165,299	2,915	268	1.8	0.2
65 Years and Over	29,285	1,108	166	3.8	0.6
Sex					
Male	127,562	2,332	238	1.8	0.2
Female	136,992	3,917	307	2.9	0.2
Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)					
Less than 4 years of high school	30,662	1,992	222	6.5	0.7
High school graduate, no college	58,808	1,247	176	2.1	0.3
One or more years of college	105,114	784	140	0.7	0.1
Work Disability Status (People 15 to 69 years)					
With a work disability	20,777	1,525	194	7.3	0.9
No work disability	160,818	1,757	208	1.1	0.1
Metropolitan Area Status					
Metropolitan Area	210,166	4,684	338	2.2	0.2
Central City	74,334	2,877	266	3.9	0.4
Not a Central City	135,832	1,806	211	1.3	0.2
Not a metropolitan area	54,389	1,566	197	2.9	0.4
Region					
Northeast	50,436	1,280	178	2.5	0.3
Midwest	60,698	1,189	172	2.0	0.3
South	93,845	2,801	263	3.0	0.3
West	59,575	979	156	1.6	0.3
Family Status					
In Families	224,323	3,773	304	1.7	0.1
- with related children under 18	146,648	3,362	287	2.3	0.2
Married-couple families	175,883	1,097	165	0.6	0.1
- with related children under 18	110,967	795	140	0.7	0.1
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	37,715	2,558	251	6.8	0.6
- with related children under 18	29,157	2,464	246	8.4	0.8
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	10,726	118	54	1.1	0.5
- with related children under 18	6,524	104	51	1.6	0.8
Unrelated individuals	40,231	2,477	247	6.2	0.6
- in non-family households	36,734	2,202	233	6.0	0.6

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Employment Status (People 18 years and over)					
Employed full-time	103,936	256	80	0.2	0.1
Employed part-time	28,974	371	96	1.3	0.3
Unemployed	4,550	296	86	6.5	1.8
Not in the labor force	57,124	3,100	276	5.4	0.5
Marital Status (People 18 years and over)					
Married	114,760	683	130	0.6	0.1
Separated, divorced, widowed	36,434	1,923	218	5.3	0.6
Never married	43,390	1,417	187	3.3	0.4
Number of People in the Family					
1-person family	40,231	2,477	247	6.2	0.6
2-person family	63,234	759	137	1.2	0.2
3-person family	49,018	1,019	159	2.1	0.3
4-person family	57,922	656	128	1.1	0.2
5-person family	31,127	630	125	2.0	0.4
6 or more-person family	23,022	710	133	3.1	0.6

1. A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to [http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)

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